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## Dictionary

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# Agricultural Advances in Ancient Civilizations



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# A

## agriculture

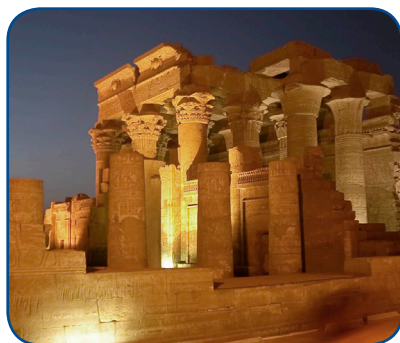
The practice of growing crops and raising animals for food, fiber, or other uses by humans.



# C

## civilization

A society with highly developed culture, legal, political, social, and religious systems.



## crop

A type of plant, or the seasonal production of plants, grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.





### **crop yield**

The amount of a crop produced in a specific period.



### **domestication**

The process of taming wild animals and growing wild plants to live and reproduce in ways that are useful for humans.



### **drought**

A long time with little or no precipitation.



# E

## **evaporation**

The process by which a liquid changes to a gas.



# F

## **fertile (land)**

Land with nutrient-rich soils that produce abundant plant growth.



## **flood**

The overflow of water onto dry land.





## import

(verb) To bring a product from another country or place. (noun) A product brought from another country or place.



## irrigation

A system that provides water to land through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.



## leach

To dissolve something from a material by passing water through it, such as salt from soil.

M

## midden

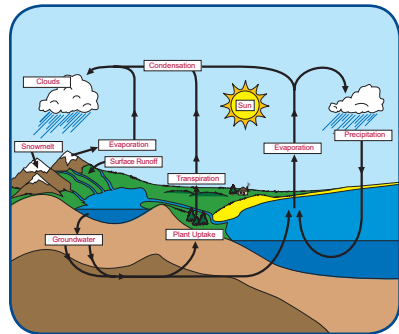
An ancient waste pile with historical or archaeological value.



N

## natural cycle

A regularly repeated event, or sequence of events, that occur in a natural system over time, such as the water cycle.



P

## population

The number of individuals of a species living in a place at a given time.







## salinization

The buildup of mineral salts in soil that, in excess, can become toxic to plant life.



## salts

Crystallized mineral compounds, such as sodium chloride (NaCl).



## surplus

The amount of goods above the amount needed to meet one's own needs.

# S

## **sustain**

To support something, such as soil providing nutrients for the growth of plants.





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